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SUBJECT: THIRD FRANCO-AFRICAN CONFERENCE COMMUNIQUE

1. THE THIRD FRANCO-FRICAN SUMMIT WAS HELD AT PARIS MAY 10 AND 11. CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AND MINISTERIAL DELEGATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ATTENDED: FRANCE, BENIN, BURUNDI, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, CHAD, GABON, IVORY COAST, MALI, MAURITIUS, NIGER, RWANDI, SENEGAL, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA AND ZAIRE. THE OTHER GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING WERE GUINEA-BISSAU, CAPE VERDE, SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE, COMOROS AND THE SEYCHELLES. EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE FOLLOWS.

2. "... (THE CONFERENCE) AFFIRMED THE INFORMAL, OPEN AND FRIENDLY CHARACTER OF ITS DEBATES AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WOULD IN THE FUTURE ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THESE EXCHANGES OF VIEWS.

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"THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND DELEGATIONS NOTED THE CON-

VERGENCY IN THEIR POINTS OF VIEW ON WORLD INFLATION, THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SYSTEM, THE PROBLEM OF RAW MATERIALS, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, AND AID TO DEVELOPMENT.

"THEY NOTED AND DEPLORED THE BAD AFFECTS OF INFLATION ON THEIR ECONOMIES AND ON THE EXTERNAL ACCOUNTS OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

"THEY DECIDED TO UNIFY THEIR EFFORTS IN ORDER TO WORK FOR A MORE STABLE WORLD ECONOMY. THEY CONSIDER THAT AN EFFECTIVE FIGHT AGAINST INFLATION REQUIRES THAT ON THE DOMESTIC PLANE, AS ON THE INTERNATIONAL PLANE, THREE TYPES OF ACTION BE UNDERTAKEN:

"(1) AT THE LEVEL OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ECONOMIES, THEY WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO CONTROL INFLATIONIST TENDENCIES (WHICH HAVE) BECOME STRONGER AT THE MOMENT WHEN AN UPSURGE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN THE PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES IS BECOMING GENERALIZED.

"(2) THEY REAFFIRMED THAT NON-INFLATIONARY DEVELOPMENT OF THE ECONOMIES AND COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES CAN BE ASSURED ONLY BY A RETURN TO A GENERAL REGIME OF STABLE BUT ADJUSTABLE PARITIES.

"(3) FINALLY, THEY AFFIRMED THEIR OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING A STABILIZATION OF RAW MATERIAL PRICES AT REMUNERATIVE LEVELS. THEY NOTED THE PROPOSITIONS MADE BY FRANCE AT UNCTAD IV, NOTABLY, THOSE WHICH CONCERN THE CONCLUSION OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS FOR THE PRINCIPAL RAW MATERIALS WITHIN TWO YEARS; THE ASSURED FINANCING JOINTLY BY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF REGULATORY STOCKS; AND THE CREATION OF A CENTRAL FUND WHICH WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ONCE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF COMMODITY AGREEMENTS HAD ENTERED INTO FORCE.

"THEY CONSIDER THAT THESE PROPOSITIONS HAVE A POSITIVE CHARACTER AND CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS

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LIKELY TO HELP IN THE SOLUTION OF THIS PROBLEM.

"THEY RECALLED THEIR INTEREST IN SEEING THAT THE PRICES OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT NOT FLUCTUATE TOO DIFFERENTLY FROM THE PRICES OF RAW

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MATERIALS.

"THEY EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT THE PRIORITY LIST WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED BE EXTENDED TO OTHER RAW MATERIALS SUCH AS WOOD, OIL AND PHOSPHATES, WHICH HAVE AN OVERRIDING INTEREST FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

"THE CHIEFS OF STATE RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE CIEC, THE SO-CALLED NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, IS CALLED UPON TO BRING TO THE SEARCH FOR GLOBAL SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT PROBLEMS.

"THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FOLLOWING THE NAIROBI CONFERENCE, THE RETURN TO WORK AT THE CIEC WILL PERMIT A DEEPENING AND COMPLETING OF THE RESULTS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE FIELDS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE TRANSFER OF RESOURCES, AS WELL AS IN THE DOMAIN OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION.

"THE CONFERENCE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NORTH-
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SOUTH DIALOGUE CAN, WHILE RESPECTING THE INTERESTS OF
THE DIFFERENT PARTIES, CONTRIBUTE EFFECTIVELY TO THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A MORE JUST AND STABLE INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC ORDER.

"THEY NOTED AND APPROVED THE DRAFT AGREEMENT CREATING
AN AFRICAN SOLIDARITY FUND THE PRINCIPLE OF WHICH WAS
DECIDED AT THE BANGUI CONFERENCE. THIS FUND IS
INTENDED TO FACILITATE THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF
THE AFRICAN STATES WHICH PARTICIPATE IN IT, PRINCIPALLY
THE LEAST DEVELOPED STATES, BY CONTRIBUTING TO
THE FINANCING OF INVESTMENT PROJECTS HAVING A PARTICULAR
INTEREST. THIS FUND, WHICH WILL BE FINANCED JOINTLY
BY THE AFRICAN STATES AND FRANCE, COULD GIVE GUARANTEES,
SUBSIDIZE INTEREST RATES (BONIFIER) OF EXISTING
LOANS, OR LENGTHEN THE LIFE OF THE LATTER. THE CONFERENCE
MANDATED THE MINISTERS TO SIGN THE DRAFT AGREEMENT
DURING THEIR MEETING IN PARIS NEXT SEPTEMBER. THE FUND
WILL BE FULLY OPERATING FROM JANUARY 1, 1977.

"MOREOVER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC INFORMED THE
CHIEFS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE FRENCH DECISION
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND. THE
CONFERENCE EXPRESSED ITS SATISFACTION WITH THIS
DECISION WHICH FULFILLS ITS HOPES.

"THE PARTICIPANTS RECEIVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE
STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF FRANCE WHICH ANNOUNCED
HIS DECISION TO INCREASE PROGRESSIVELY THE FRENCH
CONTRIBUTION TO OBTAIN AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE THE
OBJECTIVE OF .7 PER CENT OF GNP.

"...THE CHIEFS OF STATE UNANIMOUSLY RECOGNIZED THAT
THE FULL EXPANSION OF AFRICA CANNOT RESULT FROM ADDING
TOGETHER NATIONAL EFFORTS ONLY. CERTAIN PROBLEMS SUCH
AS NATURAL CALAMITIES, DROUGHT IN THE SAHELIAN ZONES,
OPENING UP LAND-LOCKED REGIONS, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF
AGRICULTURE OUGHT TO BE THE OBJECT OF A SPECIFIC
EXCEPTIONAL EFFORT.

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"THEY APPROVED THE PROPOSITION OF THE FRENCH PRESIDENT TO INVITE HIS PARTNERS OF THE WESTERN WORLD TO CREATE A SPECIAL FUND FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT (FONDS EXCEPTIONNEL DE PROMOTION DE L'AFRIQUE).

"THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONCERNED AFRICAN STATES DECLARED THEMSELVES READY TO CREATE THE ORGANISMS OF CONCERTATION, PROGRAMMING AND EXECUTION APPROPRIATE TO PUT INTO OPERATION THESE NEW MEANS FOR DEVELOPMENT.

"THE PARTICIPANTS ... REAFFIRMED THE NECESSITY FOR AFRICAN TO AVOID ALL FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN ITS AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO SAFEGUARD PEACE ON THE CONTINENT AND TO PERMIT IT TO CONCENTRATE THE TOTALITY OF ITS FORCES TO ITS EXPANSION FOR THE BENEFIT OF MAN.

"...THEY AGREED TO HOLD THEIR NEXT MEETING IN 1977 IN DAKAR."
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